

## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the reminder of the proper content of the Abstract. Per the Examiner's remarks Applicants hereby submit an amended Abstract. In accordance with the rules, a clean version of the Abstract as amended is shown on the following page:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

~~Résumé of the invention: new pre-filled columns for flash chromatography and SPE with spherical and porous silica gel or semi-spherical and porous silica gel having a superior separating power.~~

### ABSTRACT

A column for flash chromatography having spherical, or semi-spherical, and porous silica gel having a granule size between 3 and 45  $\mu\text{m}$  and pores between 30 and 300Å.